

redefine the term "lottery game" to mean any variation of the types of game authorized under the act and that will come up following in his bill then, if this is attached. The reasoning for this is that state lotteries generally offer two or three different types of lottery games and some of the choices that we would have would be the instant win games, the on-line lottery games and then the third type usually the video lottery game. LB 849, which is the enabling legislation, authorizes the first two, the instant win and the on-line. When player interest in a particular game declines then you have to come with a variation of the type that we talked about here, one of the two types that I just named, the instant win or the on-line because player interest declines rapidly and so you have to come up again with another new...another new variation. Basically, that's the...that's the meaning for doing this. The current language could be narrowly construed to mean that the lottery division would have to seek legislative approval every time they wanted to come up with a variation and that would really, really create a problem as far as them being able to do that...to come before the body in order to do that. That's what I'm attempting to do. I would be receptive to any questions or comments on the issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of the amendment by Senator Smith, as she explained quite well. We're in a situation where we are not wanting to put the Legislature in a box by having the body have to, under the Constitution, specifically approve every single game within a category of types that the...that might be authorized by a lottery. There was some question that arose in our minds as we read the constitutional amendment that that might be the case. What this would simply say is that the Legislature would say, for instance, that you can have an on-line lotto game and then there would be latitude for the Department of Revenue, through their lottery division, to come in and decide exactly what type of on-line game it would be, what the design would be, how many numbers you would be choosing from, things like that. So every time the numbers that you chose from change or the design of an instant game changed to add a different theme, the Legislature wouldn't have to come in and approve it. That's all this...this amendment is making sure that the lottery division has that option. I would urge...urge its adoption by you.